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Local Unemployment Rates Fall in Most Areas of Illinois *Job Growth Up 167,000 in Private Sector During Recovery*

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Dec. 2012*	Dec. 2011
Bloomington-Normal	6.3%	6.9%
Champaign-Urbana	7.4%	8.0%
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	8.6%	9.3%
Danville	10.4%	10.3%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Isl.	7.1%	7.8%
Decatur	11.8%	10.1%
Kankakee-Bradley	10.5%	11.7%
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	8.5%	9.2%
Peoria	8.3%	8.2%
Rockford	11.2%	12.3%
Springfield	7.2%	7.5%
St. Louis (IL-Section)	8.3%	9.8%

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO – December local unemployment rates fell in nine of 12 metro areas in Illinois, increased in one, and were essentially unchanged in two compared to last year, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Not seasonally adjusted data compares December 2012 to December 2011. Largest declines were in: IL-portion of St. Louis metro area (-1.5 points to 8.3 percent), Kankakee-Bradley (-1.2 points to 10.5 percent), and Rockford (-1.1 points to 11.2 percent).

Payrolls increased in six metros and declined in six. The largest increases: Champaign-Urbana (+2.6 percent, +2,700), Kankakee-Bradley (+2.3 percent, +1,000), and Chicago-Joliet-Naperville (+1.0 percent, +37,800 jobs). Industry sectors increasing in the most metro areas were Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 12) and Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (eight of 12).

“December marks another month that shows falling unemployment rates throughout our state,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “The most pressing challenge to our economic progress is the uncertainty tied to Congress, the debt ceiling and the fiscal cliff. Our economic recovery could be compromised if Congress is not seen as working together to build a solution.”

Not seasonally adjusted data compares the current month to the same month of the previous year. The December 2012 not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 8.6 percent and 12.3 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent in December and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Non-farm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – December 2012

Metropolitan Area	December 2012*	December 2011**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington-Normal MSA	91,500	90,700	800
Champaign-Urbana MSA	106,000	103,300	2,700
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville Metro Div.	3,720,400	3,682,600	37,800
Danville MSA	28,300	29,400	-1,100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	176,900	178,000	-1,100
Decatur MSA	51,300	53,200	-1,900
Kankakee-Bradley MSA	44,500	43,500	1,000
Lake County-Kenosha County Metro Div.	377,900	374,500	3,400
Peoria MSA	181,500	184,500	-3,000
Rockford MSA	146,700	147,400	-700
Springfield MSA	113,300	112,900	400
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	232,300	233,000	-700

*Preliminary **Revised

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